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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in Wilderness remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated Wilderness] areas."

Having the opportunity to explore the amazing natural landscapes such as El Capitan, The Grand Teton and the rock formations of Joshua Tree on our public land is a privilege that I do not take lightly, and may require oversight to properly manage but blanket prohibitions by land managers is not the answer! Please include us (the climbing community in the management of these cherished resources of ours. Thank you,

Ed Oak